

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1 delete the paragraph after the title and insert  
therefore the following:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to the protection of persons  
proximate to an explosion.

Page 2 delete the sixth paragraph and insert therefore  
the following:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention achieves the above objects by  
providing an array of blast-resistant partitions arranged to  
subdivide a predetermined space into a multiplicity of  
interconnected subspaces and thereby to substantially confine an  
explosive blast to one or more of said subspaces while  
protecting the remaining subspaces in said predetermined space.

Page 4 delete the second full paragraph and insert  
therefore the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will now be described in connection with certain preferred embodiments with reference to the following illustrative figures so that it may be more fully understood.

Delete the paragraph bridging Pages 4 and 5 and insert  
therefore the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

There is seen in FIG. 1 an array 10 of blast-resistant partitions 12 extending upwardly to slightly above standard human height and arranged to subdivide a predetermined space 14, which in the present embodiment is the interior of a public transportation vehicle such as the bus 16 seen in the figure.